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TO : Acting Assistant Director  
Intelligence Coordination  
Central Intelligence Agency

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FROM : [REDACTED]  
Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation dated 22 January 1951, Subject:  
"Psychological Intelligence"

1. Pursuant to our conversation of yesterday, attached heret-  
is a proposed draft of a memorandum from the Deputy Director, CIA,  
allocating responsibilities in the field of psychological  
intelligence.

2. I should like to emphasize the following considerations:

a. The problem of allocating responsibilities for pro-  
ducing intelligence to support psychological warfare is one  
of concern not only to CIA and the Department of State but  
also to the service departments. As such, any memorandum  
attempting to delineate responsibilities in this field should  
clearly indicate the services' interests;

b. The President of the United States is currently con-  
sidering the question of whether or not to establish an  
independent National Psychological Warfare Board and it may  
be desirable to await this decision before putting CIA com-  
pletely out of business in this activity;

c. Whether or not it is material to a consideration of  
the present problem, it is nevertheless a fact that the  
Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, together  
with other members of the National Psychological Strategy  
Board, have been looking to CIA to discharge a coordinating  
role in this field;

d. NSC-74, presently being considered by the National  
Security Council, contains specific responsibilities for  
CIA which will have to be deleted in the light of the current  
approach to this problem.

3. It should also be noted that in my individual capacity I  
have been wearing three hats on behalf of CIA in this field, viz,

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staff member on the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff, CIA liaison for intelligence purposes to the National Psychological Strategy Board and Chairman of the Director's Psychological Intelligence Committee. In the light of a re-evaluation of CIA's projected role it seems necessary to re-appraise the necessity for performing the three functions just enumerated.

Attachment.

Proposed draft from Deputy  
Director, CIA, re psycho-  
logical intelligence.

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